

### ***How Do These Agencies and Schools Work Together?***

It is important that schools refer students to either VR or DDD as they reach transition age. In some instances, a student may need to be referred to both agencies, if both are likely to provide services after graduation.

While VR can begin providing transition services when the student is still in high school, DDD cannot fund services until the student has graduated and reached age 21. However, when parental consent is given, a DDD Service Coordinator may participate in planning and attending IEP meetings, as schedules allow.

VR and DDD must work together if a student is to receive Supported Employment services, also referred to as Integrated Community Employment (ICE) services.

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### **For More Information**

#### **Nebraska VR**

*For more information regarding  
VR services,  
call toll free at 1-877-637-3422.  
Visit the website:  
[www.vr.ne.gov](http://www.vr.ne.gov)*



#### **DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

*For more information regarding services available  
through the Division of Developmental Disabilities,  
call 402-471-8501. Visit the website:  
[www.dhhs.ne.gov/Developmental\\_Disabilities](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/Developmental_Disabilities)*



### **Adult Agency Services**

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#### **A Brief Overview of Nebraska Services:**

**Nebraska VR  
Division of  
Developmental Disabilities**

# UNDERSTANDING ADULT AGENCY SERVICES



As a person assisting a transition student with a disability in planning for the future, it is important that you are familiar with adult agency services. Nebraska VR and the Division of Developmental Disabilities are two Nebraska agencies that provide a valuable connection to the future for people with disabilities. While there are many other possible resources for assistance, the information provided here focuses on these two agencies.

## NEBRASKA VR

### *What is VR?*

VR is an employment program for people with disabilities. Assistance is provided to help make career plans, learn job skills, and get and keep a job.

*Who is eligible?* Students with a disability who have an Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan may be eligible to participate in VR services while still in school. VR also serves adults and students who leave school before graduation. VR provides services to U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents and refugees/asylees who have legal employment authorization documents.

Individuals who are typically referred for VR services include those who have a diagnosis of learning disability, behavioral disorder, physical disability, or those with an intellectual or developmental disability who require less intensive services and supports.

### *What services may be provided?*

Services that may be provided or funded by VR include:

- Post-Secondary Training
- Job Placement
- On-the-Job Training
- Job Coaching
- Supported Employment

## DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

*What is the Division of Developmental Disabilities?* The Division (DDD) is responsible for the system of services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. DDD administers funding and oversees the delivery and providers of services.

*Who is eligible?* Nebraska residents with an intellectual or developmental disability who are lawfully present in the U.S. and graduates of Nebraska high schools are entitled to receive day services and service coordination at age 21. Day services include supported employment, work stations in industry, and sheltered workshops. Service Coordinators work with individuals to develop and carry out plans to meet their needs. Other services may be provided only as funding and providers are available.

Individuals typically referred for DDD are those with long-term needs for services and supports in independent living, employment, and/or vocational training.

### *What services may be provided?*

Services funded through DDD are:

- Service Coordination
- Day/Vocational Services
- Residential Services
- Respite
- Community Supports Services